

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Cave Spring Vineyard**



CANADA

Cave Spring Riesling 'Icewine'

VQA Lincoln Lakeshore



Brand Highlights

- Founded in 1986 by second-generation wine-making family and childhood friend—Len Pennachetti, Tom Pennachetti and Angelo Pavan (winemaker)
- Cave Spring is a leading grower of premium wines that reflect the distinct terroir of the Niagara Peninsula, one of three Designated Viticulture Areas within Ontario
- 100% Riesling made from grapes left to raisin on the vine during late autumn, with further concentration occurring when the berries are frozen solid by the onset of winter.

The Estate

Named by 18th century European settlers for the limestone caves and mineral springs located throughout the property, Cave Spring Vineyard is situated on a gently sloping hillside of the Niagara Escarpment known as the Beamsville Bench. The Niagara Escarpment is a tall cliff left behind by the glaciers that formed Niagara Falls. Founded in 1986 but dates back to 1978 when father & son, John & Len Pennachetti, planted some of the region's first vinifera vines in the Niagara Peninsula. Recognizing the possibilities, they sought out and planted noble European varieties they believed would best capture the area's full promise—in particular, Riesling vines purchased from the German nursery, Weis Reben, on the Mosel. The Weis family began exporting its Riesling Clone 21 to Canada and established vineyards in Canada. Daughter Anne Weis came to Canada to work for her father's business, met and married Len's brother, Tom Pennachetti, and the wine family connection was born. Cave Spring now encompasses over 151 acres with another 28 acres under long-term lease. More than half the plantings are Riesling.

Wine Making

Naturally frozen grapes are selectively harvested at temperatures of -10 degrees Celsius (around 14 degrees Fahrenheit). The must is fermented in stainless steel at cool temperatures over a one month period using selected yeast strains.

Tasting Notes

The nose is forward and intense with aromas of spiced pear and orange zest rising atop hints of honeycomb and crème brûlée. The palate is lusciously sweet with rich raisin tones up front and lavish flavors of orange marmalade and fresh fig in the middle. This cornucopia of fruit is drawn though by a piercing seam of acidity to a concentrated, lingering finish of dried dates & apricots.

Press

- ◆ 2019 Vintage **96 Points**—Wine Enthusiast (Editor's Choice)
- ◆ 2019 Vintage **95 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2019 Vintage **92 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ◆ 2017 Vintage **95 Points**—Wine Enthusiast (Editor's Choice)
- ◆ 2017 Vintage **93 points**—Wine Spectator

Product Specifications

- Available in: 375mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 7 79334 47441 1
- SCC: 1 07 79334 47441 8
- Case (in.): 11 x 8.5 x 13